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Texas Animal Health Commission Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Fee Increase

What you need to know

What is a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)?

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is an official document, issued and signed by an accredited veterinarian. The CVI provides documentation that an animal(s) is healthy and displays no signs of contagious or communicable diseases on the date of inspection.

Most states require a CVI for interstate movement of livestock. A show or event may require a CVI on animals participating in the event. A veterinarian must record dates and results of any tests required, and provide information about the animal(s) such as age, breed, sex, vaccination status, etc.

In the event of a disease outbreak, investigators may also use CVIs to track the disease back to its source.

Where do I get CVIs?

Order Method	CVI Format	Processing Time	Shipping Time	Payment Method(s)	Convenience Fee
Order by Mail	Paper	1 business day upon receipt of order form	2-3 business days via Lonestar Overnight (in Tx)	Check or Money Order	None
* Order Online	Paper	1 business day after placing order	2-3 business days via Lonestar Overnight (in TX)	Credit card or Electronic check	\$2 per book
Issue e-CVs from an approved vendor	Electronic	Contact vendor directly	Contact vendor directly	Contact vendor directly	Contact vendor directly

^{*} You may also order CVIs online at www.texasonline.gov (do a search for TAHC Certificate/Passport) or if you subscribe to Global Vet Link, you may issue an individual electronic CVI at http://www.globalvetlink.com/

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What will the new fee be?

The TAHC will assess a fee of **\$7 per certificate**. CVIs are sold in books of 10 certificates per book. Previously, the fee was \$5 per certificate.

When will this fee go into effect?

The fee will become effective on Thursday, September 1, 2011.

What if I still have CVIs, will I still be able to use them or will I have to purchase new ones?

All unused certificates may continue to be used until your supply is depleted.

How do I find out more about CVIs?

For more information regarding CVIs, visit <u>www.tahc.state.tx.us</u> and click on the **Health Certificates** tab or call 1-800-550-8242, Ext: 788.